1990

Softball

SALISBURY STATE
UNIVERSITY

DAWN McCRUMB
HEAD COACH

Now in her sixth season as the head coach of the Salisbury State University softball program, Dawn McCrumb has experienced nothing but success during her tenure. The Gulls have averaged 19 wins per season under her leadership while compiling a 96-44 record—a winning percentage of .685. McCrumb's team posted a 19-10 record last year and captured the Eastern States Athletic Conference championship after finishing as the runnerup in 1988.

A 1978 graduate of SSU, where she also earned her master's in 1987, McCrumb is an active member of the National Softball Coaches Association. She serves a leadership role for the Mid-Atlantaic Region, including membership on the selection committee for the NCAA tournament. She has also served on the organization's Mid-Atlantic Region All-American selection committee. Her work with the ECAC includes membership on the conference's tournament committee in 1985 and 1986, with the added responsibility of committee chair in 1986.

In addition to her coaching duties, McCrumb, who lives in Salisbury, is also an instructor in the Physical Education Department at SSU.

THE McCRUMB YEARS

1985	18-10	
1986	18-6	ECAC 2nd place
1987	19-9	NCAA Regionals
1988	22-9	ESAC 2nd place
1989	19-10	ESAC Champions

PLAYERS TO WATCH

DIANE BICKFORD
Senior - Left Field
Frederick, MD - Frederick HS

Solid defensive outfielder who will shift from right field to left this year... Good team player with a .447 on-base percentage in '89...Won Most Improved Player Award in 1988...Selected to two all-tournament teams during her career...Returns to the softball diamond after rehabilitating a knee injury that ended her baseketball season prematurely...A sociology major.

DEBE CLARKE
Senior - Catcher
Haddon Heights, NJ - Haddon Heights HS

A vocal team leader and three-year starter...Selected to All Mid-Atlantic Region and All-ESAC first team in '89...Led the team in hitting, with .435 average, and on-base percentage, .547, last year...Added 19 RBI's and scored 15 runs...Will be counted on to help bring along a young pitching staff...Only player to clear the fence at SSU Field (225 feet)...A physical education major.

TINA DeJACO
Senior - Third Base
Glen Burnie, MD - Glen Burnie HS

One of SSU's best defensive players during McCrumb's tenure...Three-year starter at the hot corner who has also seen spot duty on the mound...1988 team MVP...A good contact hitter who finished third on the team in RBI's, 18, and second in runs, 16, last season...A remarkably consistent performer who will help generate run production again this year...A business major.

KRISTY KEIL
Senior - Center Field
Leondardtown, MD - Leonardtown HS

Came of age as a complete player in 1989...Batted .388, second-best on the team, while leading the Gulls in RBIs, 22, and hits, 31, a year ago...Also scored 15 runs and was voted Most Improved Player in '89...An excellent defensive player with good speed and a strong arm...Named first-team All-ESAC and second-team All Mid-Atlantic Region last year... A nursing major.

AMY GEPPI
Junior - Pitcher
Sykesville, MD - Liberty HS

A slingshot-style righthander who has demonstrated consistent improvement each season...Will assume role as team's number one starter this year...A control pitcher who has a good variety of pitches, she posted an 8-5 record in '89...Could also see some action at first base this season...A hard-worker who should benefit from Sharpless' tutelage as pitching coach...A liberal arts major.

HONOR ROLL

MVPs in the 80s
1980 Robin Tyler
1981 Sissy Natoli
1982 Carolyn Huston/ Pam Gonce
1983 Cindy Zile
1984 Donna Headlee
1985 Terri Timmons
1986 Dawn Taylor
1987 Jodi Yingling
1988 Tina DeJaco/ Jodi Yingling
1989 Terri Sharpless

Most Improved
1987 Laura Fisher
1988 Diane Bickford
1989 Kristy Keil

Coaches Award
(Recognizing Academic Excellence)
1987 Kristy Keil
1988 Debbie Scott
1989 Karen Sipple

Morrison Award
(For Dedication to the Game)
1989 Terri Sharpless/ Karen Sipple

1989 ESAC Champions

ASSISTANT COACHES

Teresa Landon...Returns for the third season as one of the SSU assistants...A two-time Salisbury State MVP, in 1977 and '78...Her primary focus will be in working with the outfield defense, an area that has shown great improvement during her tenure...Will also serve as the Gulls' first base coach.

Jodi Yingling...Begins her second year as an assistant coach...Another former two-time SSU MVP, as a catcher, in 1987 and '88...Her duties will include serving as the team's hitting instructor, working with the catchers and assisting with the infield defense.

Terri Sharpless...Serving in her first season as an assistant after completing a superb four-year pitching career in '89...Posted a .43 ERA en route to an 11-4 record last season...Co-captain and MVP in '89, as well as an All-Mid-Atlantic Region and All-ESAC selectee...Will be the team's pitching coach this year.

SOFTBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
MARCH		
9-10	Virginia Wesleyan Invitational	TBA
23-24	Eastern Mennonite Tourney	TBA
29	**BUFFALO STATE**	2:00
30	**STOCKTON STATE**	2:00
31	**SHENANDOAH**	1:00
APRIL		
3	Wesley	2:00
4	**CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT**	3:00
7-8	Mary Washington Tourney	TBA
11	Wilmington	4:00
19	Trenton State	3:00
22	**KEAN COLLEGE**	11:00
25	Glassboro State	2:30
28-29	ESAC Conference Championship	TBA
MAY		
1	**VIRGINIA WESLEYAN**	2:30
4-6	Eastern Connecticut Invitational	TBA

BOLD TYPE INDICATES HOME GAME

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Salisbury State University Profile

The Salisbury State University community extends an invitation to you to expand your horizons by visiting the beautiful Eastern Shore of Maryland. Our air is clean. The landscape is scenic. The waters glisten with beauty. We hope to provide you with the ideal atmosphere in which you can pursue your university education.

We are currently celebrating our 65th year of educating leaders for tomorrow. The achievements of our past graduates speak highly of the quality of education that awaits you at an institution that not only educates but cares about you as a person.

SSU, a quiet but intellectually stimulating university community, is two hours east of the metropolitan areas of Baltimore and Washington, 2 1/2 hours north of Norfolk, VA, and south of Philadelphia and 30 minutes from one of the East Coast's most beautiful family vacation sites, Ocean City, MD.

Sea Gull Quick Facts

Location	Salisbury, MD 21801
Founded	1925
Enrollment	5,447
President	Dr. Thomas E. Bellavance
Switchboard	(301) 543-6000
Nickname	Sea Gulls
Colors	Maroon and Gold
Affiliation	NCAA Division III
Conference	Eastern States Athletic
Athletic Director	Dr. William Lide
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